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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012, at 2 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

Reverend Cal LeMon, First and Calvary Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri, offered the following prayer:

God, as You know, these walls have echoed with Your name for centuries.

You see, God, we know Your name because we are Your Nation, Your people. To prove it, we've printed Your name on our dollar bills, chiseled Your name into our granite walls everywhere in this city, and regularly include Your name in prayers before Friday night high school football games.

Therefore, since You are our God, the Prince of Peace, I ask You to quell the need in this room to dominate, degrade, and even denigrate.

I ask You, God, the Healer, to rub the salve of Your Holy Spirit into our long-festered political wounds.

I ask You, God, the Creator, to whisper new words, new possibilities, and new solutions up and down these aisles.

Teach us, Lord, when we drop Your name, we must also be ready to drop to our knees again and again and learn from You how to be one nation under God, with liberty and justice for everyone.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LANKFORD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING REVEREND CAL LEMON

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. LONG) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, one of the privileges we have as Members of Congress is to have the leader of a church back home deliver the opening prayer for the United States House of Representatives.

Today, I am proud to introduce America to a friend of mine, the Reverend Doctor Cal LeMon. Reverend LeMon is an ordained elder at First and Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Missouri, where he regularly preaches and teaches in a historic house of worship.

He is the president of Executive Enrichment, Inc., a corporate education and consulting firm, assisting organizations to become more productive through effective leadership. He is also

a writer and regularly contributes to the Society for Human Resources magazine, Employment Relations Today, and the opinion page of USA Today.

Like many members of the clergy, the Reverend Cal LeMon is an important voice in our community. Reverend LeMon is and has been a tremendous spiritual influence on my family and me.

He has a heart for his country and for each and every one of us. I am honored to welcome him here to Congress.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute speeches from either side of the aisle.

### NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

(Mr. MCCOTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today, February 3, is the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day, which encourages people to help raise awareness and join the fight against heart disease, which is the leading killer of women.

Now, I understand most men don't own a red suit unless, of course, you were keyboardist in an eighties hair band. But we all have shirts; we all have ties, accessories, and lapels by which we can show our support and "Go Red for Women."

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